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Police warn of more terror attacks

RAINE MARCUS

POLICE and security services have received intelligence information that Hamas is planning additional attacks in heavily populated areas in Israeli cities over the next few days, senior sources said yesterday.

According to the information, terrorists are planning a bus bombing. A wanted terrorist is suspected of planning to carry out the attacks.

Police nationwide have beefed up their forces to prevent any kind of attack.

Security services are also examining the possibility that the suicide bombers were assisted from inside Israel.

Senior police officers confirmed yesterday that the bomb the terrorist strapped to the upper part of his body and detonated at Dizengoff Center was the same type as those used in other bombings.

"The bomb, which weighed 15 kilos, was made of TNT and filled with broken nails, and was identical to the one used in the Ashkelon bombing," said an officer. "The others in Jerusalem had full nails in them."

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last said yesterday that the identity of the terrorist has not yet been confirmed. He said that contrary to reports, the bomber had not been in Tel Aviv over the past two days.

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran told Channel 1 yesterday that "the [bomber in the] last attack, according to the best of our knowledge, came from Gaza and reached Dizengoff Street from there."

The blond-haired head found outside Bank Leumi definitely belonged to the terrorist, said Last, who added that no one had noticed the bomber beforehand.

He reiterated that if the terrorist had succeeded in entering the center, the blast would have claimed several hundred victims.

Meanwhile, 300 soldiers and 400 additional policemen were drafted to the greater Tel Aviv area yesterday, bringing to 1,637 the number of policemen patrolling the city in and around busy shopping malls, markets, at bus stops and other densely populated areas.

Police in Tel Aviv yesterday set up impromptu road blocks and checked suspicious drivers, cars and pedestrians. Soldiers were given a special briefing on how to identify and isolate a suspect, instructions on opening fire and other regulations.

"Our aim is to give the public the feeling of security," said Last. Security guards in hotels, movie theaters and other public places were briefed by police.

On Monday night, some 57 demonstrators were detained in



The parents of Dana Gutherman, who was killed in the Tel Aviv suicide bombing on Monday, mourn over her grave yesterday. (Aloa Ron/Israel Sam)

Victims of Dizengoff bomb

- Dana Gutherman, 14, of Moshav Mishmeret
Bat-Hen Shahak, 15, of Tel Mond
Hadas Dror, 15, of Tel Mond
Leah Mizrahi, 61, of Tel Aviv
Inbar Aljia, 22, of Ramat Efal
Dan Tversky, 58, of Tel Aviv
Tali Gordon, 25, of Givatayim
Yovav Levy, 12, of Tel Aviv
St.-Sgt. Assaf Wachts, 21
Kobi Zaharon, 12 of Ramat Israel
Gail Balkin, 48, of Herzliya
Sylvia Bernstein, 73, of Herzliya
Rahel Sela, 81
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not wish to prevent demonstrations by the public who wanted to express suffering as long as such protesters did not run riot or turn violent.

While a hundred-strong demonstration outside Prime Minister (Continued on Page 9)

IDF clamps curfew on 465 villages

Biran: No one goes in or out

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE IDF launched an exhaustive and intensive hunt for Moslem extremists yesterday, rounding up over a hundred Hamas activists in the West Bank, sealing homes of suspected terrorists and ordering shut Hamas-affiliated institutions.

All infantry and armored forces in the Central Command have ceased their training to bolster the crackdown on Islamic terrorists, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran said.

Early yesterday, the army began sealing homes of terrorists in the West Bank, starting with the home of the assassinated Yehiya Ayyash, "The Engineer," in the village of Rafat near Nablus.

A total of eight homes were sealed, Biran said. The army plans to demolish them once legal barriers are overcome. More house sealings were expected today, military sources said.

Israeli forces blockaded 465 Arab villages and sealed off the PLO-ruled cities, putting 1.2 million Palestinians under virtual siege.

"No one goes in and no one goes out," Biran said, dismissing concerns it was collective punishment. "If humanity among them has disappeared or vanished, then we can take any step to save our people."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres maintained yesterday that the implementation of the decisions taken by the government to crack

down on Hamas terrorists in the territories were already beginning to bite.

He told reporters in the North that the terrorist infrastructure was beginning to be hit, although the operation had only just started.

Peres also linked the pullout from Hebron with the PA amending the Palestinian Covenant.

"We demand the Palestinian Covenant be amended before we take further steps, including the evacuation from Hebron," he told reporters.

Biran said 102 Palestinians have been arrested since Sunday, and more arrests were expected last night and today. Among those taken in were close relatives of suicide bombers. Biran said the father of the suicide bomber who carried out Sunday's attack in Jerusalem was arrested in Netanya.

"Every potential suicide bomber and his family must know that his house will be destroyed and their communities will be punished," Biran said.

"Every village where there is a potential suicide bomber must know that we will deal with them with a heavy hand" Biran said. "They must know that they have to uproot these terrorists."

Biran also announced that Israelis were banned from taking Palestinians in their cars over the Green Line, and he barred Egged and Dan buses from taking Pales-

tinian passengers. This, along with a 350-kilometer-long, two-kilometer-wide, security belt separating Israel from the West Bank, was aimed at totally separating Israelis and Palestinians.

The army also ordered shut six Hamas-affiliated institutions suspected of channeling funds supporting Hamas terrorists. These include the Islamic Technical Institute in Abu Dis and the Islamic College in Hebron, which military officials have labeled "greenhouses for terrorists."

The Central Command also ordered closed the Polytechnic, the Islamic Charity Association and the Young Moslems Association, all in Hebron.

"Everyone who is dealing with terror, hosting terror or giving shelter to terror should be blamed and should be jailed and should be closed," Biran said.

While Biran said the army was waging an all-out war against Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the PFLP, there were no instant solutions to combating terror.

"It is a long, difficult and complicated process, but we are determined to carry out this mission to its end," he said.

Biran said there were no limitations in the war against terrorists, and hinted the IDF would take actions in the PLO-ruled areas, "if there is a need. We are maintaining our right to go wherever there are terrorists, here or abroad, to defeat them and to attack their leaders."

David Rudge contributed to this report.

Hizbullah claims bomb that killed 4 IDF soldiers

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH and the so-called Palestinian Islamic Revolutionary Army claimed joint responsibility for the combined ambush and roadside bomb attack that killed four IDF soldiers on Monday night in South Lebanon.

Thousands of people attended the funeral yesterday in Julis village in the Galilee of Lt.-Col. Hussein Amir Ali Amar.

Amar, 29, had devoted his life to the army since leaving high school, working his way up through the ranks to the position of battalion commander in the Golani Brigade.

Amar was engaged to be married in the summer.

The chief of staff, the deputy chief of staff, the minister of health, deputy education minister, the speaker of the Knesset, various MKs, and high-ranking officers and soldiers were among the mourners at the funeral service yesterday.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amir Levine, in his eulogy, said the army and Northern Command in particular "salutes you."

"You were a tribute to Golani, an honor to Northern Command, to the army and to your family," said Levine.

He vowed that Amar's comrades in arms would carry on the tradition in which he had believed and fought.

Amar is survived by his parents and seven brothers and sisters. Two other soldiers killed in the blast, St.-Sgt. Mahmoud Ju'ama, 21, of Arab el-Aramsha, and Sgt.-Maj. Mohammed Fuaz, 27, of Ilaboun, were buried in their villages in the Galilee yesterday.

The funeral of Lt. Uri Helman, 21, of Tel Aviv, who was also killed in the explosion, will take place today.

Six of the nine soldiers wounded in the incident are being treated in Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Two of the wounded are still in critical condition. One of them, Maj. Omer Haib, 29, from Beit Zarzir village in Galilee, underwent complicated surgery for nearly 12 hours. (Continued on Page 2)

Clinton dispatches anti-terror equipment

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

US PRESIDENT Bill Clinton dispatched a US Air Force plane to Israel yesterday that contained explosive-detection equipment to assist in the fight against terrorism.

Meanwhile, Senate and House leaders called for a re-examination of US aid to the Palestinian Authority.

The shipment was one of four steps the White House announced following a meeting of national security officials Monday evening to formulate a response to the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv bombings.

A senior US official said that seven explosives-detecting devices were sent on a plane and two are already in Israel, and said that the US initiated the transfer several months ago but that the sides had been bogged down by the question of payment.

He said that the US is now paying for the equipment.

In another move, the State Department issued a statement yesterday calling on American citizens to avoid using public transportation in Israel.

Clinton began a speech here by stating that the moves are meant "to support the fight against future terrorist attacks, to bring killers to justice and to rally support for peace in the Middle East."

He expressed his "outrage" at the "campaign of terror which is being directed at the people of Israel," and called the killings "desperate and fanatic acts."

Additional equipment will be shipped on an "emergency basis" from US stocks later this week, the White House said. The US will send anti-terrorism experts to offer technical assistance to Israeli specialists, and is assembling a "comprehensive package of training, technical assistance and equipment" for improving anti-terrorism coordination among Israel, the Palestinians and others in the (Continued on Page 9)

Peres considers 'consultative forum' with Likud

SARAH HONIG

POLITICAL trial balloons were floated by the dozen yesterday, with suggestions ranging from the resignation of the government prior to the establishment of a short-term emergency cabinet, to the setting up of a "consultative

forum" - with opposition representatives invited to join.

The latter notion is credited to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whose close allies say he doesn't rule out some form of emergency association with the opposition merely to give the public a psychological uplift.

Those around Peres also say privately that what they most ardently wish at this juncture is that the elections they brought forward can now be pushed back again.

Labor ministers close to Peres report that he is in a great quandary.

On the one hand, he does not want to give any appearances that he is losing control or confidence, and most of all, that he is admitting the failure of his Oslo deals.

Openly pressing for delayed elections or initiating the setting up of a national unity government could be construed as the admission of failure.

Peres, The Jerusalem Post was told by a number of sources, would be happiest if public pressure would lead to the formation of some sort of loose association

with the opposition, which would make it appear that opposition leaders are sharing in responsibility but which would not in effect give them any real power.

Peres, say the sources, called this a "consultative forum," in which Likud leaders would be invited to sound off and give advice. The key for Peres is that the initiative come from elsewhere, and that he appear as yielding to the requests of others rather than admitting flaws in his policies.

As for delaying the elections, which Peres moved up after the polls showed him far ahead of Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu, Labor MK Dalia Izik proposed yesterday that the party now "halt moves to schedule the election on May 29 and return to the original date of October 29. As was the case after the Rabin assassination, the time now is to stabilize the political situation.

"Everything is in an uproar. Emotions are topsy-turvy. We cannot go to elections in less than three months. It would be wrong, and we have the Knesset majority to change the date."

Izik denied that she is motivat-

ed by the fact that Labor's electoral prospects appear to be nose-diving.

In the Likud, especially in the mainstream circles, the notion of an emergency government or delayed elections is rejected categorically, although the party leaders prefer to stay away from blatantly political pronouncements.

Netanyahu told CNN yesterday that "if the government makes the right moves in the fight against terrorism, it would have our unstinting support. We will support it wholeheartedly and without reservation, and for that we do not need cabinet seats or portfolios."

However, many Likud MKs are calling for Peres's resignation.

Yehoshua Matza and Ron Nachman issued a statement saying that "in any other country, the government would have resigned after such an appalling collapse of its central policy plank. But in Israel this failing government instead wants to prolong its tenure by putting off the elections it advanced only recently when polls were auspicious for it. (Continued on Page 9)

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# Izzadin Kassam offers 'cease-fire' but says it will attack if attacked

**IZZADIN** Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, yesterday issued a statement offering to suspend attacks against Jews until July.

The statement came several hours after Hamas leaders in Gaza gave a press conference demanding an end to the attacks "until a position can be developed for serving the interests of our people." However, they did not condemn the four attacks this past week.

The separate statements reflect a clash between competing and conflicting interests in the Islamic Movement, the desire of Hamas to oppose the peace accords with armed attacks while maintaining political influence.

The Kassam leaflet reflected most of the demands made by Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas spokesman, who called the press conference together with Mohammed Shama, a close confi-

JON IMMANUEL

dante of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin who is in prison in Israel. But it warned that suicide attacks could resume if Israel maintains its attacks on Hamas.

The press conference was held in the offices of Fatah in Gaza immediately after a meeting Monday night in the offices of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Zahar did not meet with Arafat, but with Tayeb Abdel-Rahim, the PA secretary-general, who passed on Arafat's demand that it call for an end to violence or be outlawed with Izzadin Kassam.

At the time, Arafat was in the middle of a 3 1/2 hour meeting with Jordan's Interior Minister Awad Khleifat to coordinate action to be taken against Hamas.

The demand for an immediate call to end attacks was the first

point on their common agenda. Arafat has accused Jordan of allowing Hamas to operate and send instructions to Hamas in Gaza, although Jordan formally closed down Hamas offices two years ago.

The Kassam leaflet said, "We fully respect the demand of the political leadership... We are not responsible for any further action inside the Zionist entity."

In its six-point statement Kassam said the "cease-fire" would provide for PA-mediated contacts between Hamas and Israel "to plan for participation in building our beloved country."

It warned that any "terroristic activity" by Israel against Hamas and Kassam would mean the resumption of suicide attacks.

The "cease-fire" conditions were similar to the three-month

cease-fire offered by "the Yihye Ayyash cells" the day before the Dizengoff Center attack.

Meanwhile, the PA is continuing to arrange peace rallies against the upsurge in anti-Israel terror which threatens the peace process.

In Bethlehem, several hundred rallied in Manger Square yesterday and in Nablus another rally is planned for today.

But the PA is critical of the restrictions imposed by Israel which threaten the livelihoods of thousands of Palestinians and weaken its own power.

A leaflet in Arabic Palestinians saw as far afield as Bethlehem and Nablus warned that "The IDF will deal harshly with those who violate the closure."

"As long as Palestinians don't eject those who carry out these operations all residents will suffer."



Sisters of Mochya Eddin Sharif carry out belongings from the family home in Jerusalem before it was sealed yesterday. Sharif has been linked by security forces to recent attacks. (Brian Hessler)

## Police seal home of most wanted Hamas man

BILL HUTMAN

POLICE sealed the home of one of the most wanted Hamas terrorists, Mochya Eddin Sharif, in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina yesterday, evicting his family from the house after allowing them to take out their belongings.

The house is to be demolished by tomorrow, unless the family's petition to the High Court of Justice prevents the move.

In Beit Hanina, dozens of police and border policemen closed off the area around the home of Sharif, known as the successor to "The Engineer," Yihye Ayyash, Hamas's former explosives expert killed in Gaza earlier this year. Sharif is referred to as "The Engineer No. 2."

Ribki Sharif, his father, called on Hamas to halt its suicide attacks, and denied his son was behind the wave of recent suicide bombings.

"Enough, enough of all this killing. I am so angry about all that has happened in the past days. All of the killing, I have worked 54 years for this house, and look where I am now because of all this," the father said, watching as police cemented shut the windows and doors of his home.

"We have nowhere to go," Sharif said. Family members said they would petition the High Court of Justice against the order, with the help of attorney Leah Tsemel.

The order to seal the home was signed by OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Shmuel Arad, and issued to the family before dawn, when police also carried out a search of the home. Family members charged police with ransacking the home, but police denied this.

The order, which says the home will be demolished in 48 hours, only refers to Sharif's alleged involvement in the August suicide bombing in Ramot Heshbon, in which four people were killed. Sharif allegedly prepared the explosives, and turned them over to suicide bomber Sufiyan Jibrin. However, security sources have also linked Sharif with the recent wave of attacks, alleging he prepared the explosives in those cases also.

His father said he studied at Al-Kuds University, a hotbed of Hamas activity in Abu Dis, just outside Jerusalem.

"The last time I saw my son was two and half months ago. It was in Ramallah. He asked me to help him escape, to help him, how do you say it, flee to Jordan. He wanted me to forge documents for him," Sharif said.

"My son has done nothing. He hasn't done all those things that he is accused of. He would never do such things," Sharif added.

## Families of terrorists petition for their homes

EVELYN GORDON

THE families of three terrorists connected with the Ramat Gan and Jerusalem bus bombings last summer petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against the army's decision to destroy or seal off parts of their homes.

One petition was by Abdallah Azem of Kfar Karyut, near Nablus, whose brother, Labib, committed the Ramat Gan bus bombing on July 24.

On October 2, the army first told the family it had decided to destroy Azem's house. The family appealed to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, and on December 19, they were informed that only the room inhabited by Labib would be destroyed.

Then, on December 24, they were told the destruction order had been indefinitely suspended.

On Monday, however, the army changed its mind and informed the family it would destroy the room.

Atzel Abed Rabbo, of Dahariye near Hebron, filed the second petition. As with Azem, the army had decided to destroy the part of Abed Rabbo's house inhabited by Sufiyan Jabarin, who committed the Bus 26 bombing in Jerusalem on August 21.

As in Azem's case, the destruction order was suspended, and was only reactivated on Monday.

The third petition was by Nagar Sharif of Beit Hanina, whose son Mubdi gave Jabarin the explosives he used in the Bus 26 attack. Unlike in the other two cases, the army wants only to seal off, rather than destroy, the room inhabited by Mubdi, and the order was issued for the first time on Monday, rather than having been issued earlier and suspended.

Attorney Lea Tsemel, who filed the petitions, argued that the long time which has passed since the attacks makes the effectiveness of the destruction orders questionable.

The court has always permitted such acts before because of the army's claim that they are effective deterrents. However, Tsemel argued, the army itself has always said the effectiveness of the deterrent is related to the promptness of the action, so this argument can hardly apply more than six months after the fact.

With respect to Azem and Abed Rabbo, who both live in Area B, Tsemel also argued that the destruction orders are invalid. While the IDF has overriding security authority in Area B, the Palestinian Authority governs daily life, including police actions. Thus the army has no authority to issue such an order, Tsemel argued.

## HIZBULLAH

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The other, Yossef Rotem, of Moshav Geulim, had planned to celebrate his 21st birthday on Sunday. Instead, he is being treated in the hospital's neurosurgical department, suffering from severe head injuries.

Another of the two wounded soldiers were said to be in serious condition in Rambam, another in satisfactory condition and one in good condition.

The three other soldiers wounded are being treated in Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital for slight injuries.

As concern mounts among residents of the zone over the outcome of peace talks and their own future, this trend is likely to continue.

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The IDF must improve its intelligence in order to combat these organizations, while stepping up the psychological war against Islamic extremists and their mentors.

## IDF probes zone attack in which 4 men died

DAVID RUDGE

INQUIRIES by the Northern Command are continuing into the attack in the security zone on Monday night in which a senior officer and three soldiers were killed and nine others wounded - several of them seriously.

The incident started shortly before 8 p.m. on Monday, when gunmen opened fire from close range at an IDF patrol on the Israeli side of the border fence between Moshav Margaliyot and Kibbutz Manara.

The gunmen, reportedly from the Palestinian Islamic Revolutionary Army, fired from inside the security zone and then fled, after slightly wounding one of the IDF soldiers.

Reinforcements were called to the scene and the nearby communities were sealed off due to fear that it was an infiltration attempt. Meanwhile, a search operation was mounted to chase after the gunmen in the zone.

It transpired, however, that the ambush was most likely a decoy to lure the searching soldiers into a roadside bomb trap that had already been laid by Hizbullah gunmen inside the zone.

As the troops reached a point where the booby trap had been planted, a large explosive device was exploded alongside them - killing the battalion commander and the three other soldiers and wounding eight others.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the roadside bomb attack, while the Palestinian Islamic Revolutionary Army took the "credit" for the initial ambush near the border fence.

The same organization, which is believed to be a cover name for Hizbullah, claimed responsibility for the abortive hang glider attack in South Lebanon last month.

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres visited the North yesterday and were briefed by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine and senior officers on the incident.

"In my estimation, the terrorist squad had entered the area the night before," Shahak told reporters.

"I cannot say whether they are still in the area or not. We are taking actions, and if they are still in the field, there is a possibility that contact will be made, but they could have crossed the distance of three and a half kilometers last night and could have already gotten out [of the zone]," he said.

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street.

Lic. Rafael Rodriguez Barrera, Ambassador of Mexico, will speak on "The Culture of the Mayans."

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**GAIL (Geshen) BELKIN**  
and her mother

**SYLVIA BERNSTEIN**

## Israel must have better intelligence

COMMENT

DAVID RUDGE

THE attack in the security zone on Monday night - which claimed the lives of four soldiers and left nine wounded - was carefully planned and coordinated.

It bore all the hallmarks of an operation by Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, and probably took several days to organize.

The fact that neither the IDF nor the South Lebanese Army had any inkling of the plans or movements of the Hizbullah squad points directly to the weak spot in the ongoing battle against Hizbullah - poor intelligence.

Hizbullah's own intelligence gathering capabilities, on the other hand, have been improving, using the support and fears of the Shi'ite population north of the security zone and apparently some of them inside as well.

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**GAIL BELKIN**  
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# Back to business

COMMENT  
MICHAL YUDELMAN

TEL Avivians who came bleary-eyed to the streets yesterday found life as far from war as a sunny morning could be. Licking its wounds, the business-like city was returning rapidly to its routine.

Before long the cafes were humming with regular patrons, buried in their newspapers, looking up from their coffee only for an exchange of, "Where were you when it went off?"

The worst shock was the unfamiliar sight of a black and gutted Dizengoff Center, a place almost every center-city person strolls or scurries past at least once a day.

The familiar competing corner cash dispensers of Leumi and Hapoalim were gaping black holes. Memorial candles, not Visa cards, sat within.

The King George-Dizengoff intersection where the bomb spread death, blood and wreckage, had been scrubbed clean overnight. The traffic jams were back. So were the demonstrators.

Like Parisians, Tel Avivians can spot out-of-towners like sore thumbs, especially the rent-a-demo lot.

Sure there were genuinely angry and frightened Tel Avivians. But not among those demonstrating outside Dizengoff Center after the disaster and again yesterday.

Tel Avivians were those who stood silently after the bombing, just staring at the bombed intersection, or crumpling along through the broken glass in hunched moodiness.

Not so those who came so rapidly with posters, lacking the dignity of gloom, or tearful anger, or



Demonstrators vent their anger at the site of Monday's blast. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

They were not roused by the incitement, moving on with their daily routine.

Dizengoff Center was closed yesterday, in memory of the victims and for damage assessment. But the city's pause for breath will be short - the shopping center will be business as usual today.

Indeed, in Tel Aviv, it is the daily routine that almost smothered the terrorists' intentions. Nothing, not even your damn bomb, will defile our mundane secularity or the, yes, self-indulgent routine that is the essence of this city.

# Kobi Zaharon, 12, 'a knowledge-seeking child'

ORI GOLAN

"YOU just don't know who to cry over first," one teacher said to another, as they looked over the new grave covered in wreaths.

Hundreds, maybe thousands, made their way yesterday afternoon to Kiryat Shaul's cemetery to attend 12-year-old Kobi Zaharon's funeral, one of the victims of the Dizengoff bomb blast.

Teachers, soldiers, relatives and young school children all assembled in subdued quiet at the cemetery's gate. Slowly, hesitantly, they approached Kobi's family.

Sad, solemn faces, wreaths in hand, they shook their heads silently, nodded their heads in tacit understanding and whispered words of condolence.

Every now and again the silence was shattered by a deep, visceral cry of pain: "Why, Oh God, why?"

"Kobi and Yovav Levy, were inseparable," recalls Michael Davidov, a school friend, "They knew each other from first grade."

On Monday, both friends decided to celebrate Purim in Tel Aviv, and went to see a movie at

Dizengoff. After the film ended, they came out of the commercial complex and crossed the street. A few minutes later both were dead.

Kobi studied at Bloch School in Tel Aviv, and moved to Ort Singalovsky last year where he excelled in his seventh-grade studies. His family lives in Ramat Israel.

"He was a wonderful kid," said Shulamit, Kobi's kindergarten teacher, "an intelligent, knowledge-seeking child, well-behaved and polite. I cannot grasp it. Only a few days ago, his mother called to invite me to his bar mitzva celebration."

"Kobi was in my class," said Alon, in a voice which has still not even broken, "I knew him well. Now he is dead. He didn't deserve to die."

Miri, his teacher from Singalovsky school, said over his open grave; "You were among us and you are now no more. I see your beautiful, sparkling eyes looking at me."

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, speaking at the end of the service, said: "Kobi was supposed to be celebrating his bar mitzva soon. We will not see him reach manhood. Kobi, instead of celebrating Purim today, we are burying you."

As the crowd began to disperse, instructions were given to those who continued to the next funeral: that of best friend Yovav's funeral.

"You just don't know who to cry over first!" says one Singalovsky teacher to another.

# ... and 10 more who died passing through Dizengoff

**DANA GUTHERMAN**  
Dana Gutherman, 14, of Moshav Mishmeret, came to Tel Aviv with three girlfriends for a Purim day of fun. Three of them - Dana, Hadas Dror and Bat-Hen Shahak - were killed in Monday's Tel Aviv attack.

The fourth, Nili Zeltzer, narrowly escaped the same fate when she crossed the street seconds ahead of her friends. Zeltzer is recovering from her wounds in Ichilov Hospital.

Dana and her friends desired peace, with all their hearts and were always explaining to their school friends how important the peace process was, their mourning friends in the regional Emek Hefer high school said.

Dana was buried yesterday at the cemetery in Tel Mond.

She is survived by her parents and a brother and sister, Yair and Yael.

**BAT-HEN SHAHAK**  
Bat-Hen Shahak, 15, of Tel Mond, dressed up for Purim in her mother's wedding dress. She died on the Hebrew date of her birthday.

After strolling the streets of Tel Aviv, she and her girlfriends were planning to return home. But at lunchtime Bat-Hen called

home and asked her father for permission to stay a few hours more.

"We're having such a good time," she said. "We're on our way to Dizengoff Center."

Zvi Shahak, her father, agreed.

Later that day, he identified her body at the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute.

Bat-Hen, sister of Yela, 13, and Ofri, 9, was "a little peace-seeking poet," her friends said.

**HADAS DROR**  
Hadas Dror, 15, of Tel Mond, was the eldest daughter of Nahum, a senior employee in the Yachin plant and Yael, a biochemist.

"She was a brilliant, beautiful girl. Always smiling, loved to dance and a prominent member of the Zofim youth movement," her friends said.

Hadas, like her two friends, was buried at Tel Mond cemetery.

"In life and death they did not part," the head of the Tel Mond local council said.

**LEAH MIZRAHI**  
Leah Mizrahi, 61, of Tel Aviv decided to go to Dizengoff Center yesterday at about lunchtime

to buy a present for a bar mitzva to which she and her husband Shimon were invited.

Her brother drove her to the center and dropped her off there. After hearing of the bombing, and finding that she had not returned home yet, he began to look for her.

When he couldn't find her name at the information center opened by the Tel Aviv Municipality, he drove to Abu Kabir, where he identified her body.

The couple had no children.

**DAN TVERSKY**  
Dan Tversky, 58, an economics editor at Ha'aretz, lived close to Dizengoff Center.

He usually began work at about 5 p.m. Since a recent open-heart operation, he took to exercising by walking to the editorial offices via King George and Alenby streets.

On Monday afternoon he left home and crossed the street running under Dizengoff Center just when the terrorist detonated the bomb.

Tversky is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son.

Ha'aretz publisher Amos Schocken accompanied Tversky's wife and daughter to Abu Kabir after the explosion, where they identified him. He was buried yesterday at Hayarkon cemetery.

**TALI GORDON**  
Tali Gordon, 25, of Givatayim, was a master's student in political science at Tel Aviv University. She is survived by her mother, Margalit, her father Barry, who lives in South Africa, and brother, Alon.

Givatayim Mayor Effi Schtenzler said Tali was talented, an excellent student, and loved to help others. At the university, she was involved in political activity in support of the peace process and against violence.

**YOYAV LEVY**  
Yovav Levy, 12, of Tel Aviv, had gone to celebrate Purim at Dizengoff Center with his friend Kobi Zaharon, who was also killed in the blast.

He is survived by his father, Yossi, who works at Ma'ariv, his mother and a brother, 8.

Yovav was an excellent student and his friends said he loved to play soccer.

Yovav was buried yesterday at Hayarkon cemetery.

**ST. SGT. ASSAF WACHS**  
Assaf Wachs, 21, was on vacation before being released from the army when he fell victim to the blast. He had gone to Tel Aviv with his sister to see a show.

Hundreds of friends, relatives, and comrades in arms accompanied his body to burial in the Holon cemetery.

"He was the happiest guy we ever met," his friends said.

**RACHEL SELA**  
Rachel Sela, 81, also died in the blast. No information was available about her last night.

They were not on the lists and we would still locate them.

Belkin sat there for three hours. "At some stage, it struck me that they were checking my description against the bodies." When he eventually went in to identify the body, "there was some sort of resemblance between my wife and what I saw, but there were a great deal of differences."

"I was asked sometime during the day why I had agreed to be interviewed... I wanted people to know that there is no resemblance between me and those people [in the streets] who are hysterical... Despite my personal tragedy, I believe we have to go ahead with the peace process."

# Grandmother and mother die in trip for wedding dress

**GAIL BELKIN** left her home in Herzliya on Monday afternoon to take her daughter to buy a wedding dress. They drove to Tel Aviv together with Gail's mother, Sylvia Bernstein.

Last night, the daughter was trying to decide whether she would wear the dress to the wedding, scheduled for a week after she gets up from the shiva for her mother and grandmother, both of whom were killed in Dizengoff Center.

Gail Belkin, 48, and Sylvia Bernstein, 73, will be buried today when members of the family arrive for the funeral from South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The wedding is due to take place March 19, less than a year

after Gail - a native of Zimbabwe, who grew up in Durban, South Africa - married Larry, a widower who lost his first wife seven years ago in a traffic accident.

"I knew they had gone to Tel Aviv to try on the wedding dress," Larry Belkin said yesterday evening. "When I heard about the attack, I of course felt anxious, but in a very general way, like hundreds of thousands of others."

"We had fixed to meet at six o'clock to go to synagogue and hear the reciting of Megilat Esther. Six came and went. At first I thought they were held up because of the traffic and the commotion. I started really worrying

at about eight when there were no longer problems of communication, and [my wife's] daughter said she had found [Gail's] car in the parking lot, unmoved, three hours after the explosion."

The three women, he explained, had separated shortly before the bomb went off.

"We started making the rounds of the hospitals on the phone," Belkin said yesterday evening, in an interview with Educational TV. "A relative also went from place to place to check. We called the municipal information center. All the time, they checked the lists for updates. Ironically, every time they said their names didn't

appear I was relieved. Only at around 11 p.m. did I grasp what it meant that a person's name doesn't appear on the lists, doesn't come home, doesn't pick up a car."

At that point, Belkin went to Abu Kabir and waited together with the other families. He described the process of gradual realization of the tragedy.

"From time to time, they called someone into a room and asked questions. There were social workers there, and psychologists. Policemen sat opposite huge piles of forms and filled in answers in reply to questions. We still hoped that the purpose was to find them alive in one of the hospitals, that somehow or other

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# 35 still in hospitals: 5 in serious condition

**TAMMY BELSON and Itim**  
He suffered minor spinal injuries. "I'm all for peace and I think it can be achieved, but it's time the government did something," Greenberg said. "Maybe there is an alternative, but please God, talks will prove capable of bringing forth peace. Innocent people, children, should not have to die."

Daniel Frances, 19, from Holland, who is studying at an ulpan, is suffering minor injuries to the left ear. Frances was on an outing in Dizengoff with his girlfriend, Julie Negrin, 24, at the time of the bombing. They were having an argument near the mall exit when the bomb went off, "which was lucky, because otherwise we would have been in the middle of the road when the blast hap-

**THIRTY-FIVE** people wounded in the Dizengoff bombing were still hospitalized yesterday in Ichilov, Beilinson and Tel Hashomer hospitals.

At Ichilov, 32 people are hospitalized, five of them in serious condition, three of those youths. Another three are in satisfactory condition and the rest in good condition. At Beilinson, there is one victim in satisfactory condition, while at Tel Hashomer two are hospitalized - one in satisfactory condition and one in good condition.

The wounded hospitalized at Ichilov yesterday had vivid memories of the deadly attack.

Sharon Greenberg, 23, from Migdal Ha'emek, had just finished a blind date, and was crossing the street to go to the bank.

# Anything but a normal day

HELEN KAYE

**HORNS** honk furiously, as usual. Traffic at the intersection of King George and Dizengoff streets crawls, as usual. A warm sun shines from a spring blue sky, as usual.

And nothing is as usual. Shards of glass still crunch underfoot. The lacy cotton curtains on the second floor of Bank Leumi on the corner swing tipsily from buckled rods. There are rows of candles beneath the walls of Bank Hapoalim across the street.

"What does it say?" asks Elizabeth Shields from Canada. She's looking at a carefully handwritten poster stuck on the wall of the Bank Hapoalim with a paraphrase, in Hebrew, of Bob Dylan's *Blowing in the Wind* that's called "Blowing in the Wind, March 1996."

Shield's husband, Boris, was on the King George side of the street when the bomb exploded Monday afternoon. He brought her back "to see and to be part of this."

"We are a small people, a small land. This is all we have," shrieks a man into the camera for a French TV crew.

Behind him, labeled with bumper stickers saying *Ze lo shalom haver* (This is not peace, friend), a dozen or so protesters redouble their howls for the cameras. "In fire and blood throw out Peres," they chant, and call for former defense minister Ariel Sharon "to do what you did in Gaza."

A few meters away a woman becomes hysterical, screaming at a round-faced, mild-looking man. "Ashafist [P.L.O. supporter], Nazi," she shrieks, out of control. The crowd on the pavement shifts, alarmed. The atmosphere gets ugly, fast.

Swiftly, just as some of the protesters start for him, the man is taken out of harm's way by a border policeman. Others hustle off the potential lynch-mob, and the tension mitigates.

There is a massive and alert police and army presence to keep the peace.

"Mommy didn't want us to come, and I was scared too," says 14-year-old Shachar Admon of Bat Yam. He's near the candles and the shouters with his father Yovav and his brothers - Tal, 6, and Nir, 11. "Let them see," says the father, who had insisted on the outing. "Let them understand that we have no security."

Ya'akov Dahan from Bat Yam is also standing outside the Center with his daughter, Yamit, who's five. Isn't he afraid to be here, after Monday?

"If everyone is afraid, what will happen?" he says. "This is our land."

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Several of the African Bible scholars listen intently to a Hebrew lesson in preparation for their ambitious project.

## Bringing the Bible back to Africa

**D**URING this year's winter break seven French-speaking Africans studying at the Hebrew University have begun a tremendous task. After just one semester of Hebrew study in Israel these Bible scholars have returned to their West African homes to begin translating the Tanach from the original Hebrew into African tribal languages.

The seven, aged between 33 and 40, are Christian pastors and Bible translators from the Ivory Coast, Benin and Guinea, who have just completed a certified pilot program for French-speaking translators through the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University.

The Bible has been translated into only one-third of the world's 6,400 languages (and the Hebrew Scriptures into only about 350 languages) in Third World countries, a high percentage of Bible translations are simply translations of other translations. The language of the Bible itself is static in that it contains only 10,000 words, 750 of which are used 50 or more times. But to truly understand the images in the Bible you have to also understand the context in which it is set.

"What is unique in our program, is the fact that we are also adding something that has not been added anywhere else - the Land and the culture," said Miriam Ronning, the independent Jerusalem coordinator of the project.

"If somebody comes from a country that is very lush like the Ivory Coast, but he won't know what it means when there was no rain in Elijah's time, and people went hungry."

"If they think it's very lush, it's hard to understand the image of a shepherd in the Judean desert with

**Seven African students are ready to translate the Bible direct from the original Hebrew into their own languages. Julie Stahl reports**

300 sheep behind [him] - the 'Lord is my shepherd' [means] he knows where the oasis is, he knows where the grass is."

The French project was instigated by Julie Bentinck, the African coordinator for the program and herself a Bible translator. She was concerned that translation training here was available for English but not for French speakers.

Bentinck, who has an M.A. in linguistics from the Sorbonne in Paris and another in Hebrew from the Institute of Holyland Studies, has lived in the Ivory Coast for 22 years.

She worked for 16 years first to learn to speak the local language, Nyaboa, then to write it down, develop an alphabet and a literacy program for the Nyaboaans and finally to translate the New Testament into this tribal tongue.

But, she says, this was not enough. African Christians want the whole Bible in their native language. If all goes as planned, Bentinck and a team of three will translate the "Old Testament" into Nyaboa during the next 12 years.

Having previously lived in Israel Bentinck was continually asked basic questions by other translators. In particular these concerned the terrain. A language may have specific words to describe different kinds of rivers or mountains depending on their size or makeup.

She points to the new program as a solution for translators' ques-

tions. "I was always being asked has this [mountain] got grass or rocks and now they can answer their own questions."

In 1991, Bentinck met husband-and-wife team Halvor and Miriam Ronning, then professors at the Institute of Holyland Studies, when she arrived here to study Hebrew for translation purposes.

The Ronnings, neither of whom are Jewish but who have lived in Israel for 26 years and have taught extensively on the Jewish roots of Christianity, dreamed of providing a way for Bible translators and scholars (Christian and Jewish alike) to come to Jerusalem to study or research without having to pay high rental costs.

This dream was realized about two years ago when they rented a large house in Mevasseret Zion, and established the Home for Bible Translators and Scholars in Jerusalem, Inc.

Needing academic backing for their current undertaking, Bentinck and the Ronnings turned to the Hebrew University, which, according to Yoel Nesson, director of special academic programs and summer courses at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students, provided them with two things: "an academic home" and "a home that could also represent this course to the government of Israel and to other [governments] as a bona fide venture."

With an educational and residential structure in place Bentinck

began recruiting candidates. The road to the Holy Land was paved with many challenges - financial difficulties, passport problems serious illnesses - and only seven of the original 12 students selected actually arrived in Jerusalem, all having left wives and children at home in Africa.

Arriving here last October, they began to study - not only modern and biblical Hebrew, but geography, history, cultural background, translation and biblical thought. With 22 classroom hours per week plus field trips, papers, translations, and exams, they were absorbed by this "biblical Israel experience."

Text in hand they traversed the country, studying biblical events in their actual settings and making some 20 outings in just 14 weeks.

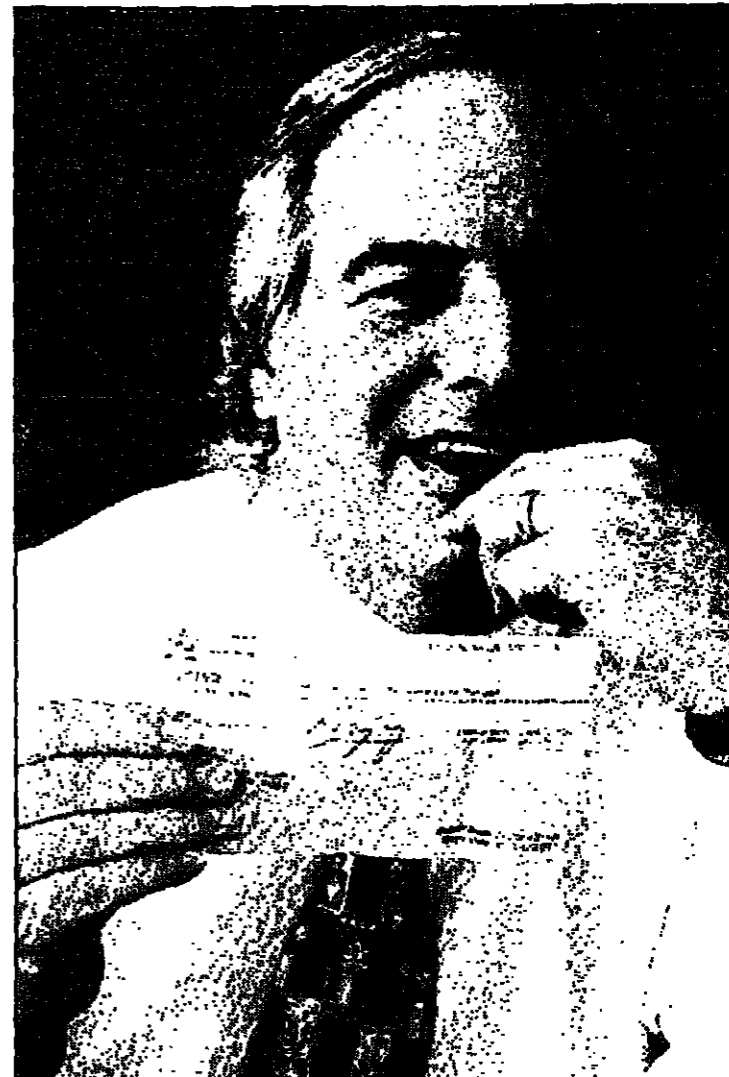
The impact of their experience was not limited to the Bible. A by-product of having studied here is that they tasted and loved a modern Israel that they never imagined existed.

"My first impression when I arrived was that I had come to the land of the Bible. Before I always thought it was a country of war, because of world news. What I've seen is contrary to what I'd heard before," said Maomou Henoc, a pastor and Bible translator from Guinea.

Bentinck says the program was successful. "They should be able to cope [translate] with a narrative [book]." The university may eventually establish a one-year diploma program in Bible translation. But for now West Africa will have seven new "ambassadors."

What will they tell their people? "I will tell them that I went to the country of the Bible and I saw that the Bible is the truth."

## True confessions of a con-artist



**F**RANK Abagnale says crime doesn't pay. But he does admit that if he hadn't passed millions of dollars in dud checks he wouldn't be where he is today.

Abagnale is America's foremost expert on fraud and document security by virtue of his extraordinary crimes - he was once the world's most wanted confidence trickster.

Between the ages of 16 and 21, he defrauded a plethora of banks and companies to the tune of US\$2.5 million, all the while outsmarting the FBI and international police.

He successfully impersonated an international airline pilot, pediatrician, stockbroker, college professor and lawyer.

Ironically, Abagnale's life of fraud later qualified him to help redesign the most powerful currency in the world.

It all began when he ran away from home at 16.

"I was six foot tall and always had a little gray hair, so everyone thought I was in my mid-twenties... that's where I got into impersonations. I didn't think of the consequences, which made me more confident."

When he was 18, Abagnale used a readily available magnetic pen to encode a stack of deposit slips at a Chicago bank with the number of an account he had just opened under a false name.

He replaced the deposit slips at the bank and waited.

The scam was magnificent in its simplicity: anyone making a deposit using one of the slips would unwittingly put their money into his account - the bank's computer read the magnetic number before it read the handwritten one.

Three days later he called the bank for his balance - it was over \$40,000.

But that was just the beginning for a young fraud artist out to deceive the world.

"I had obtained a Pan Am pilot's uniform and made up a Pan Am pilot identification card. I flew literally all over the world for free on other airlines by riding in the cockpit as a jump pilot deadheading from city to city." Of course, looking like a pilot made it easier to pass checks.

"A brilliant mind? Definitely. A brilliant criminal? Not according to Abagnale. He says he was just an opportunist.

When filling in a tenancy application form before moving into a new apartment block, Abagnale wrote "doctor" in the occupation section, thinking it would not be easily traceable.

"Then I meet this doctor in the apartment block, who introduces me to another doctor. Then I find myself reading medical journals in case these guys ask me questions."

"Next thing you know I'm up at the hospital. I'm meeting all

the staff... and then they say there's an opening we need to fill, just temporarily for an administrative resident, you don't have to treat anyone. It was a challenge then - but I never really planned these things. I'd fall into them."

Abagnale tried to avoid situations where he lacked the necessary expertise. It wasn't always possible. Once, he recounts, he was hitching a lift on a BOAC flight from New York to London in his guise as a pilot, when all of a sudden, the captain asked him to take the reins while he went on a break.

"So I did, but all the time I was sitting down I said to myself, if this copilot at any time says, 'I've got to use the rest room, I was going to grab his arm and say, 'Look, let me tell you a story about this kid who got hold of a uniform...'"

He was finally caught in a small French town when an airline stewardess on holiday recognized him from the "wanted" posters plastered all over airports around the world.

He served a year in French and Swedish prisons before he was returned to the U.S., where he was given 12 years. Four years into his sentence the government presented him with a deal: work for us or rot in prison. It wasn't a hard decision.

That was over 20 years ago. Since then he has worked for the US government and for private institutions developing policies and procedures to deal with sophisticated white-collar crime.

He helped redesign the American Express traveler's check, the new \$100 bill due out in April and scores of other documents to secure them against fraud.

His best-selling autobiography, *Catch Me If You Can*, is being made into a movie.

Abagnale readily acknowledges he would never have become an expert on fraud if he hadn't been a great con man. But would he do it all again?

"Never. I would never want to go through the prison again, to lose my youth from 16 to 26 that I spent behind bars."

But the big paradox, says Abagnale, is that being a confidence trickster showed him he had enough confidence to do anything. "I have enough confidence in myself to know that even if I hadn't gone down that road, I'd have been successful." (Reuter)

## How to 'warm up' your child

**M**Y six-year-old is shy and unresponsive with adults. He plays nicely with other kids and has friends, but he won't even say hello to our adult friends and relatives. I don't want to pressure him but I don't want my friends to feel uncomfortable either. What do you suggest?

Alan Flashman, child and adult psychiatrist, says:

Parents attribute shyness to either nature or nurture.

Let me take up nature first. I am going to assume that your child has always been on the shy side, and that you do not identify any dramatic shift in her mood. There is ample research evidence to suggest that children are born into the world with a certain set of tendencies.

Nearly all researchers agree that a basic level of activity is inborn. A tendency to withdraw from new or unfamiliar experiences seems to

come prepackaged for some babies. If you add to such a natural tendency to withdraw a relatively slow rate of adaptation, you get a child who is "slow to warm up."

This kind of temperament is a lifelong challenge for the child and her parents. But for each, the challenge is different. For the child, living with a tendency to withdraw involves learning to take in the environment in digestible pieces.

The child requires space to succeed, at her own pace, at becoming comfortable with what is at first overpowering. Later, she needs to become aware of her tendency and accept it as a first-line approach to which many other approaches can be added. These make the tendency to withdraw less automatic and less decisive.

None of these additions, however, will remove the basic trend. With temperament, you can add all the alternative files you want, but

there is no "delete" button.

For the parent, the challenge is double. First, of course, there is the challenge of helping the child to gradually succeed in adding new ways of coping. In addition, parents are very hard-put to refrain from attributing extra meanings to the child's behavior. The extra meanings usually involve some combination of three parts: "We have failed," "Our child is blighted," and "The future is bleak." All three meanings are as natural as they are counterproductive.

BUT THE plain truth is that in our society, parents usually feel something between embarrassment to outright shame when a child is not sunnily outgoing. Unfortunately, professionals sometimes make

matters worse by being concerned before they are informed. The fact is that shyness is not an illness; it is a tendency that parents can help a child to live with very well.

Parents should help each other in weather society's unrealistic expectations from a slow-to-warm-up child. You would do well then to discuss openly your child's tendency with the important adults with whom she comes in contact.

You could point out that any opportunity to warm up at her own pace is welcome, and that

inner arrangement of meanings that is troubling them.

In this circumstance, a professional consultation would be a good idea as treatment which, if necessary, may well be much more brief if entered early.

Nurture can also become the dominant factor in what starts out as nature. Once too many meanings have been piled up on top of a natural tendency, professional help may be necessary to get back to the starting point of becoming comfortable with nature.

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TAIPEI (Reuters) - China's planned missile tests in the sea near Taiwan could slash this island's trade, prompt Taiwan dollar selling and drive share prices into a further slump, economists said yesterday.

"Although importers and exporters can change their shipping routes, or advance or postpone their schedules, the impact is still there, and their moves will raise costs for them, causing inflation several weeks later," Wu said.

It's a serious provocation," Chien said. Chien estimated the missile tests will cause Taiwan's imports and exports in March to drop by some 20%.

Taiwan's central bank will not give up defending the Taiwan dollar at TS27.50 against the US dollar, the Economic Daily News quoted central bank governor Sheu Yuan-dong as saying.

Europe's IT/telecoms market expected to grow 8.5%

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Europe's information and communications technology market is expected to grow 8.5 percent in 1996 and 9 percent in 1997, faster rates than in the US or Japan, according to a study published yesterday.

to grow 11.6% in 1996 and 13% in 1997. "At the top of a booming market are mobile telecom services," the statement said.

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CLINTON

The administration is also mounting a campaign to rally countries supporting the peace process to actively help Israel and the Palestinian Authority combat terrorism.

POLICE

Shimon Peres's Ramat Aviv home on Monday night turned violent, with several arrests, around 200 supporters rallied in the street last night, this time to show solidarity with Peres.

POLITICIANS

If elections were not in the offing, this government would have faced no-confidence motions. Nothing should be done now to allow it to do damage to this grieving nation for any longer.

POLITICIANS

The new headquarters created to combat terrorism is a cruel hoax. It must be the stupidest and most meaningless whitewash yet. It's an empty framework.

CLINTON

On Capitol Hill yesterday, House International Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman held up \$10 million that the administration had already asked to be transferred to the Palestinians as part of a \$50 million project to pay salaries of social welfare workers.

POLICE

Meanwhile, 34 Arabs from the territories who were illegally in Israel turned themselves in to police soon after the Dizengoff bombing, fearing for their lives and of reprisal attacks.

POLITICIANS

Uzi Landau also thinks that Peres must step down now. His policy has come crashing down upon us as miserably as [former British prime minister Neville] Chamberlain's did on the eve of World War II.

POLITICIANS

Ariel Sharon and David Levy both called for a national unity cabinet in which opposition security experts would take an active part in the battle against terrorism, even if that means putting off elections.

CLINTON

From a campaign stop in Buffalo, New York, Senate Republican leader Robert Dole said Congress should take a hard look at assistance to the PA after these terrorist incidents.

POLICE

Some 70 Arabs in Israel illegally were rounded up yesterday by Coastal Plain District police. Some 21 employers were also questioned and will be indicted today.

POLITICIANS

The question now is not only fighting terrorism but halting the Oslo process, which fanned the terrorist flames as never before in this state's history.

POLITICIANS

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan took the issue of Peres's resignation yesterday. Though Ezer Weizman said he will not initiate any political moves, Eitan argued that "this government must make way after its entire house of cards has come down."

Russia starts restructuring investment funds

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's Federal Securities Commission has granted temporary permission to one of hundreds of unlicensed investment companies to transform itself into a mutual fund, managing director Dmitry Vasilyev said yesterday.

has been permitted to work on setting up two funds, Vasilyev told a news conference.

FTSE closes just short of record

LONDON (Reuters) - Leading share prices closed on a firm note yesterday, with the FTSE 100 ending 8.5 points up at 3,777.1, just short of its record closing best of 3,781.3.

Trading was lackluster, without any major issues attracting investors. The Nikkei averaged up 119.99 points at 20,183.87.

High-tech shares lift Dow to new high

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks surged yesterday, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average into record territory with the help of strong gains in high-technology shares.

42.27 points at 5,642.42, surpassing its record closing high of 5,630.49 set on February 23.

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table of international stock prices with columns for stock name, price, and change.

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks surged yesterday, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average into record territory with the help of strong gains in high-technology shares.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow index ended up 42.27 points at 5,642.42, surpassing its record closing high of 5,630.49 set on February 23.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table of currency cross-rates with columns for currency, rate, and change.





